



# City & Islington College

## modernisation of 1960's FE college

Sprunt was the Architect and Lead Consultant for the first phase of the refurbishment and remodelling of this inner London college and was retained by the Client as an advisor after the second phase was put out to architectural competition. Now complete, the two phases total over £8M in value.

The college is situated on a difficult city site near Holloway Road in London. Refurbishment and remodelling of the building was carried out while other parts of the building were still in use. The Design Team prepared a complex process of decanting and phasing to maintain education at the college. In addition, the programming had to take into account the college terms and holidays as well as access, safety and security.

Part of the modernisation of the facilities at City and Islington College was to bring the IT systems used by the college up to date ready to accommodate for future change. Cabling throughout the campus was renewed and a services strategy was developed to make future improvements and maintenance easier.

The project has been designed to give the buildings a technical feel and the comprehensive redesign of the power and data systems have contributed to the aesthetics of the main spaces, including circulation.

The original college buildings are of a 1960s design concrete frame. The refurbishment and construction types had to be in accordance with the original design whilst solving the problems inherent in 1960's construction. Sprunt are experienced in the refurbishment, adaptation and repair of 1960's buildings and were able to convert the buildings using low maintenance materials. Throughout the process, staff were consulted about all maintenance issues.

Each phase of the college redevelopment incorporated many innovative ideas for low energy systems and energy conservation. Ventilation systems, in particular, were custom designed to suit the buildings and great care was taken throughout the design process. Value engineering and production information were also taken into account and the original concepts and needs of the client were preserved.

**Location:**  
Islington, London

**Client:**  
City & Islington College

**Project:**  
Refurbishment and remodelling of this Inner London College.

**Value:**  
£8m approx

**Status:**  
Complete 2006

“A dull problematic 1960's building has been transformed into modern facilities for the 21st century.”